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ABSTRACT

Method, system and terminal for setting, in an information system having a network connecting user terminals and one or more servers, local user preferences valid for the terminal and non-local user preferences valid for the servers. A preferences setting file is downloaded from one of the servers to the relevant terminal, which is completed by the terminal user with that user's local and/or non-local preferences. Subsequently, the completed preferences setting file is uploaded to that one server. One or more preference groups ("moods") may be assigned to the completed local and/or non-local preferences. The user may select any one of the preference groups resulting in retrieval by that one server of the local and/or non-local preferences assigned to the selected preference group, and activating the relevant preferences in the group in the terminal, the network and/or that one server.